

HIGGINS LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 13, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 9:02am By: President Jim Vondale.

Board Members Present:

Dianne Wagner, Herb Weatherly, Ken Dennings, Chuck Brick, Charlene Cornell, Brad Gibson, Bill Case, Pat Springstead, Jim Vondale, and Sue Gelderbloom

Approval of/Addition to Agenda:

-Agenda was approved as written.

Approval of Minutes:

-Herb Weatherly moved to approve the June minutes. Charlene Cornell seconded.

Motion passed.

Financial/Treasurer's Report:

-Chuck Brick requested a second signature from Ken Dennings for the PAA and Bill Carey bills. The \$2,600.00 bill for legal fees largely reflected significant legal review of the bylaw committee work as requested by the board

-The HLPOA received a bill from Lil' Willies porta potties for \$85.00 for the North Shore Boat Wash. The HLF had previously paid the bill but recently transferred responsibility for payment to HLPOA. Jim Vondale suggested Chuck Brick review the existing contract with the DNR for the operation of the North Boat Wash and, if there is not a requirement in the contract to provide a porta potty then contact Lil' Willies to remove it.

-Pat Springstead adds that the DNR may have us in a pilot program that would require everyone that launches a boat to use the Boat Wash.

-The Roscommon County Community Foundation denied the request from the HLSIO for a \$2,500.00 Grant due to lack of funds.

Old Business:

-Discussion regarding the West Launch Marina. Bill Carey is drafting a report on the "rules of the lake" that describes the various laws affecting boat mooring and use of road ends. When completed, it will be posted for everyone to see. Jim Vondale suggests forming a riparian committee to review riparian issues and advise the board. Liability is often a concern of riparians that live next to road end docks.

-Bill Carey and Bob Frye join our meeting @ 9:05am-

-Bill Carey and Bob Frye addressed the new sport of "Wake Surfing". Wake Surfing is a man-made wake made by a large horsepower boat going slow enough to make a surfable wave. It was noted that wake enhancing devices have been banned from lakes in Oregon and other lakes. It was noted that these types of boats can cause shoreline erosion and other damage on a lake. Bill Case moved to approach the PAA to work with other organizations on this issue at the state level. Herb Weatherly seconded. Motion passed.

-Bill Carey and Bob Frye leave the meeting-

-Swimmers Itch: There have been over 9,200 snails removed this summer for analysis. It is believed that there are approximately 14 Common Merganser nests around the lake. There also have been 86 brood ducks removed from the lake already this summer. A fundraiser is scheduled for Aug 27 to raise money for HLSIO. HLSIO board members can be contacted for tickets.

-Bylaws: There has been a lot of work on the definition of a member. It was stated that we need to explain the reasoning behind the bylaw changes. There was a special bylaws meeting held at the Roscommon County Library. Jim and Carol Vondale were present as well as Herb Weatherly, Chuck Brick and Bill Case. Chuck has stated that the meeting went well.

-It was stated that most of the members will not see a change in their membership. A small number of members will see a change.

-Annual Meeting: Discussion was had regarding the proposed new bylaws.

-Jim Vondale commends the bylaw committee for all their efforts.

-It was stated that the new bylaws follow Robert's Rule and the Michigan Nonprofit Corporation Act.

-Dianne Wagner wonders if we should give an explanation on what Robert's Rules is? Some members do not know exactly what this means. Jim and Bill Case think this is a good idea.

-Bill Case suggests that we bring back the Higgins Lake Reward. There will be a committee formed and the person will be chosen.

-Dianne Wagner has made all the signs for the member sign in at the meeting.

-The proxies will be turned in at check-in table to get the ballots.

-Jim Vondale called a special meeting on Thursday July 16th to work out any final issues before the Annual Meeting.

-Jim suggests that we call Bill Carey and ask for assistance from his office assistant for the ballot counting. Ken Dennings and Sue Gelderbloom agree.

-Jim states that the ballots should be numbered and that will get done at the Thursday meeting.

-Jeremy has been hired as our sound tech for the annual meeting. \$400.00 will be the cost for all drinks supplied by Fred's of Roscommon and \$162.00 will be the cost for the muffins and cinnamon rolls made by The Au Sable Baking Company in Roscommon.

-There will be a HLSIO table set up in the cafeteria. Ken Dennings is getting flyers made up.

-Riparian guest joins our meeting-

-There are major concerns regarding the mooring of boats at road ends in violation of state law. One individual has been mooring his boat at a road end for 2 years. It has taken the Sherriff coming out twice to get the individual to move. The riparian guest is concerned that if we do not take action this situation soon will get out of hand.

-Riparian guest leaves our meeting

-A post-Annual Meeting meeting is scheduled for 7-19-15 @ 4:00pm at the HLPOA office.

-Next Board meeting is scheduled for 8-10-15 @ 9:00am at the HLPOA office.

Adjournment:
Meeting adjourned at 12:02pm.

Recording Secretary: Ashley Rach